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Notice to Subscribers,
No Life Next Week

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Lack of Telephones,
Only One on Hill

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Every time that **Life** skips a week in its publication schedule we are in receipt of numerous complaints from mail subscribers anent the fact that they didn't receive a copy that particular week. This in spite of the fact that the forthcoming lapse is announced a week in advance in one of the "ears" of the paper. Next week, the **Life** staff will take a short vacation in order to keep to the prescribed schedule of issuing 25 editions this year. In the hopes of forestalling above mentioned complaints from disgrunted subscribers, we herewith supplement the information contained in the above "ear" by announcing that the next issue of Hamilton **Life** will appear Wednesday March 27.

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We were pleased to hear that Dr. Saunders accepted the invitation, offered through this column on February 28, to speak in Chapel about the unusual array of planets currently on exhibit in the western skies. Unfortunately, we cut chapel that morning, but the praise given by those in attendence made us wish we hadn't.

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Once again we burn our fingers by raking an old chestnut from the fire of public opinion. It concerns the telephone facilities in college buildings, or rather, the lack of them. Should a student on the Hill desires to make a call, he has access to but ONE phone other than those in private offices. That phone is located in North dormitory. No other college building is equipped with a telephone for public use. It seems a simple administrative matter to have the telephone company install additional booths in strategic places on the campus. Possible locations: South and Carnegie dormitories, Hall of Commons, the library.

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An undergraduate group investigating the possibility of an all-college dance in the new gym on Saturday night of spring house-party ran into an administrative

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College Debaters Face Rochester

Hansmann, Towner Speak There Tomorrow On Isolation

Ralph E. Hansmann, '40, and Robert W. Towner, '41, will uphold the negative side of the topic "Resolved: That the United States Should Pursue a Policy of Isolation, Both Economic and Military, Toward All Armed, Civil and International Conflicts Outside the Western Hemisphere," against the University of Rochester speakers. The debate will be held in Rochester tomorrow night.

In the debate this evening against Allegheny on the same topic, Albert B. Hooke, '41, has taken the place of William Zahn, '41. The other men upholding the negative for Hamilton are Robert R. Tupper and Boris H. Klosson, '40.

William E. Griffith, Harry J. McCormick, Jr., '40, and James V. Knight, Jr., '42, will participate in a radio discussion forum over station WIBX on March 20. The question under consideration will be "Is County Government Reform Necessary in New York State?"

Hamilton Singers Make Recordings, Give 3 Concerts

Choir Sings in Essex Fells, Flushing, New York, On Annual Trip

The Hamilton College Choir, under the direction of Mr. Paul A. Fancher and the management of Mr. Wallace B. Johnson, completed a successful trip to the metropolitan area last week-end.

Besides giving three concerts, the choir also found time to make three records at the United States Record Corporation. The songs which the choir recorded were: "Jesu, Unto Thee Be Praise", "Adoramus Te", "Were You There?", "Ave Maria", "Song of Bohemia", "Introit", "Sanctus", and "Oh, Rejoice Ye Christians Loudly".

Leaving Hamilton College at six-thirty Friday morning, the choir had breakfast on the train. After fulfilling its engagement at the recording studio, the group proceeded to Flushing, L. I. Members of St. George's Church, where the concert was given that night, served the sixty-odd Hamilton men with supper. Between 800 and 1,000 listened to the singing that night. Following the concert, members of the choir were received as over-night guests by personal friends and by members of St. George's Church.

The choir went on to Essex Fells, N. J. the next afternoon after making more recordings. Supper was given to the students in the homes of local residents that night. The concert, given at Caldwell High School, was attended by about four hundred people. Following the concert a dance for the choir was held at the Essex Fells Country Club.

After finishing their recording on Sunday morning, the Hamiltonians gave their last concert at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel that afternoon in the Astor Gallery. The attendance at this concert numbered close to four hundred. Later, the choir boarded a special car at Grand Central Station and returned to Utica.

Chi Psi's Pay $35 for Midnight Fun

Thirty-five dollars is the price the Chi Psi's must pay for the false alarm on the fire siren set off by them Friday night, President Cowley announced Monday. In imposing the fine, he cited the moral of the Aesop fable concerning the shepherd who cried wolf when there was no danger.

At exactly four minutes past midnight Friday, a long wail burst forth from the siren which hadn't sounded for several years, and shook the chapel steeple for ten minutes while excited undergraduates and faculty scrambled for the scene of action.

Although no fire was visible, the Chi Psi key had been used to open the alarm box, so the crowd of pajama-clad students hastened to the Lodge followed several minutes later by the college fire engine.

Informed by the "bewildered" Chi Psi's that to the best of their knowledge there was no fire at the Lodge, the amused crowd returned homeward after first pushing the fire truck from a snowdrift in which it had ignominously become stuck while on its errand of mercy.

The Clinton apparatus did not respond to the alarm due to the thoughtfulness of someone who warned them in advance that a false alarm was to be sounded.

Dr. Shepard Will Retire in June After 45 Years on Hill Faculty

It has been announced recently that William Pierce Shepard, head of Hamilton's Romance language department, will retire in June after forty-five years as a member of the Hamilton College faculty. Dr. Shepard has attained international renown as an authority in the French language and literature. He is especially well-known for his work in medieval and Provencal literatures.

Although born in Utica in 1870, Prof. Shepard made his home in Kansas City at the time he attended Hamilton as an undergraduate. While a student on the Hill he was president of the '92 Whist Club, and one of the seventeen members of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. He received the Munson Prize in German and the second Underwool chemistry prize at his commencement in 1892. The next fall Prof. Shepard joined the college staff as curator of

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Library Exhibits Honor Gutenberg

History of Printing Traced From Its Invention 500 Years Ago

Hamilton College's observance of the 500th anniversary of the invention of printing by Johannes Gutenberg will take the form of a series of three exhibits in the College Library which together will trace the development of book-making from the days of papyrus and manuscripts to the present.

The series opened in March with displays in both the reading room and second floor corridor of copies of manuscripts dating from 3,000 B.C. to the Middle Ages. Also on exhibit during the same month is a supplementary display made possible by the Institute of Graphic Arts of the National Museum at Washington.

The high point of the exhibit will come in April when the library will display a part of its own collection of 15th century books, the most valuable of which is a leaf from the Gutenberg Bible printed about 1450.

U.F.A. Choirs Heard In Unusual Concert

By G. Clef

Singing before a large and appreciative audience, the Utica Free Academy A Capella and Speech Choirs presented a program, "Words Without Music", in the college chapel Friday. The concert, sponsored by the Squires Club, was one of the finest to be heard on the Hill in the last few years.

The A Capella Choir, a mixed group of forty voices, opened the program with a series of numbers showing mature artistry uncommon in a high school group. The blending of the voices of the mixed chorus in these numbers was superb, and Miss Marcella Lally, who directs the the A Cappella group, is to be commended for her remarkable work in molding the voices into the fine unit the choir is. Especially gratifying was the work of the soprano and bass sections, which were refreshing to ears accustomed to the sound of male voices.

The work of the choir was di-

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Faculty Club Chooses Dr. Butcher President

Thursday evening Dr. Butcher was elected president of the Faculty Club for the coming year to succeed Mr. Prettyman. Dr. Moore was elected treasurer, a post held by Mr. Wallace B. Johnson during the past year. Dr. Philip V. Rogers succeeds Dr. Thomas Johnston as secretary, and Mr. Sloane was reelected to his post of house manager.

The elections were all made at the annual business meeting of the Faculty Club. The remainder of the meeting was taken up mainly by the reports of the various committees. No plans for the coming year have as yet been announced by the new officers.

Choir Works and Plays On New York Week-end

Zip—that was the choir. Whipping out of Utica at 7:15 Friday morning, buzzing about the metropolis for thirty-six odd hours, and rolling back about one Monday morning well tired, the chanteurs nevertheless managed to give three of the best concerts of their career, make a batch of records, take in a dance at the Essex Fells Country Club, and sample a few of New York's higher spots.

Amazingly starting the trip with all hands present at the old gym at 6:30 Friday morn, the sixty-odd choir men and their managing staff cho-chooed into the Big City about 12:30 that noon. A meal, an engagement at the United States Recording Studio, and a befuddled trip to Grand Central station began the round of business.

Into the subway for a subterranean tour to Flushing went the sixty. Jim Thorp, '34 and John Thorp, '38, met the gang there and conducted them to St. George's Church, where the assemblage took a meal and a rest before the concert at the church.

It was at the church that one S. O. S. (sweet old soul) inquired four times of Joe Dunnigan who the soloist was. After being told four times in a tenor Irish voice which was rising with the seconds, she turned around and inquired where she could find "Tommy O'Fonnell."

It was in Flushing that some of the boys' mouths turned downward when they heard they were to stay with the rector. The holy man, however, was a real gentleman and gave them a beer party. This particular evening saw some of the members go into N. Y. to taste some night life. After a huge bite, some of them were just able to make the recording engagement at 10 Saturday morning on their way back.

Professor Fancher's usually emphatic "So!" at the end of one selection came a bit prematurely, and went on the platter. It will probably be stricken out by some phonographic dark magic.

Bumping out to Essex Fells, New Jersey, in a bus under the guidance of Charles Seaver, '21, the choir then prepared to give the Caldwell High School concert. It was at a home in Essex Fells Saturday night that "Snoop-Hawk" Smith, professing ignorance at the use of a finger bowl, contemplated said article for five minutes and then solved the problem by plopping his ice cream in it and eating the slush. "Ghostie" Henderson at this moment had a nervous breakdown and four apoplectic fits.

The dance at the Essex Fells Country Club saw Wally Johnson in an unusually turbid dither about 12:30, attempting to round up various and sundry members of his aggregation. Wally, with the brief case containing the fi-

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Judge Amidon's Daughter Lectures About His Career

Mrs. Ratliff Talks on Life Of Her Father, Well Known Jurist

Before an enthusiastic chapel audience March 6, Mrs. Beulah Amidon Ratliff, Associate Editor of the "Survey Graphic" and an authority on labor relations, described the struggles and achievements of her father, Charles Freemont Amidon, Hamilton '82. Mrs. Ratliff portrayed her father as "a creative worker, a public servant, a lover of nature, and a preserver of truth and justice."

Decended from French Huguenot stock,Charles Freemont Amidon, was born in 1856 in a log cabin near Clymer, New York. He attended a small country school three or four months out of the year. At the age of 16, he went to Cory, Pa. to live with a brother and attend high school there. Under the kindly tutoring of Principal Curtiss, Charles received with his diploma a solid background and a determination to go on. After two year's country school teaching, Amidon broke his moorings and headed for Hamilton with $100 in his pocket and one suit of clothes. At first his limited finances and his deficiences in Greek marred his chances, but finally "Cube" Root persuaded the officials to let the "farmer with the gleam in his eye" remain.

Sleeping in a tower on Hamilton's "Holy ground", reading by the light of a single candle, and working for two meals a day, Amidon got his start. In four years, he possessed a Phi Beta Kappa key and medals in Greek, Latin, and oratory. In his late college years, Amidon attended the gatherings at which Professor Pike boomed forth his incomparable Homer. Invariably, the conversation would turn to Emerson's "Essays". As an outgrowth of these meetings, Amidon and his cohorts founded the Emerson Literary Society.

After his graduation, Amidon

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Fraternity Averages

The fraternity averages printed last week in **Hamilton Life** were slightly incomplete. The only change effected by the completion of the list is that the Squires lead the Lambda Chi's in the revised count by .05%.

First Semester, 1939-40
(Revised List)

Squires	78.05
Lambda Chi Alpha	78.00
Emerson Literary Society	77.80
Tau Kappa Epsilon	76.74
Delta Upsilon	76.12
Sigma Phi	75.76
Psi Upsilon	74.23
Alpha Delta Phi	73.57
Theta Delta Chi	73.44
Chi Psi	72.71
Delta Kappa Epsilon	72.23

Hamilton Men to Represent USSR At Geneva Meet

Dr. Janzen and Six Men To Participate at Model League

Following the general policy that Russia has attempted to cooperate in world affairs, but has met with the realities of world politics and now will not join any movement for a world federation, the Hamilton six-man delegation representing the U. S. S. R. will journey to Geneva, N. Y. for the Middle Atlantic States Model League of Nations Conference March 28 to 30.

The conference this year will be held in the form of a preliminary peace conferenc following the closing of present hostilities in Europe. Purpose of the conference will be to lay down a set of general principles for a permanent peace.

The more than thirty colleges

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This Season a 'Cinch', Say Hill Weathermen

This winter has been a hard one, but, believe it or not, College Hill has seen some which would make it look like a piker.

Being curious about just how hard a winter we have just witnessed we interviewed some of the campus authorities on the subject and found that in the words of Professor Horace Seeley Brown "It's been an old fashioned winter." Professor Brown claims that this season has been exceptional in that the temperature has remained low consistently. The winter of '18, says Professor Brown, was the only year in his memory when it was as cold over as long a period. That winter, however, was worse than this. The thermometer dipped to 35 below several times, and college thrill seekers had 105 days of sleigh-riding. Mr. Wallace of the college community of '88 told Dr. Brown that in the blizzard of that year he was unable to get into Clinton until the day after the blizzard had let up; it raged for three days. The snow was so deep where the present arbor stands that Mr. Wallace snowshoed up over a telephone pole.

It was useless to try keeping paths shovelled so that the Mr. Burton of the time caused tunnels to be dug between several of the buildings. At the time of this blizzard Professor Brown was in Newcannon, Conn. There, he relates, he was able to do the same thing that Mr. Wallace accomplished here on the Hill. He mounted a drift and sat down on the cross bar of a telephone pole. Another year the weather was so violent that Chi Psi's who had gone into Utica to get dates for a week-end party had to spend the night and most of the following day in town before they could get transportation back to the Hill. Railroads were stopped dead and all roads were completely blocked.

If you are looking for spring weather don't get your hopes up too much. Professor Brown has seen April first with a temperature of zero, and even worse, a year when there was ice on the fountain in the middle of May. All Clinton winters are not this bad. In some years farmers have been plowing their fields in the middle of January. According to Professor Brown though, spring is just around the corner. He believes that this week will see the last violent cold spell of the season.

John Manning of the campus soda fountain, however, disagrees with this and claims that winter is slated to be with us until April 20 at least. We inquired of Jack Gaffney, college store operator, and Frank Andrews, Commons concessionaire on whether the disagreeable features of this winter have affected their business' in any way. Both stated that they hadn't seen any indication of such a thing. Andrews said that

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New York Alumni To Meet Friday

Shepard Unable to Attend Because of Sickness, Was to Be Feted

The 72nd annual dinner of the New York Alumni Association will be held at the Hotel Pierre, New York, Friday. The meeting will be presided over by William Bristol, '17, who will act as toastmaster.

Professor William Shepard, who is retiring this year after 45 years on the Hamilton faculty, was to be guest of honor, but he will be unable to attend because of sickness. Instead, a letter from "Shep", who has known five decades of Hamilton men, will be read.

Other speakers on the program will be President William H. Cowley, Mr. Campbell Dickson, newly appointed dean of students and former assistent football, coach at the University of Michigan, Alexander Woollcott, '09, and Dr. Arthur P. Saunders, professor emeritus of chemistry, who retired from the Hamilton faculty last spring. Biff Bates, '24 will direct the orchestra.

William Bristol, '17 is president of the New York Alumni Association and Norman J. Marsh is its secretary. This alumni association, one of the largest groups of Hamilton graduates, has as its vice presidents for the current year, Charles H. Seaver, '21, George P. Monaghan, '22, and Geoffery A. Ogilvie, '16. The executive committee which has served the association for the past year consists of George F. Gentes, '06, Henry P. Bristol, '11, Howard C. Allen, '20, and Sherwood C. Chatfield, 29.

Last year between 250 and 300 attended the meeting, which was held in the banquet room of the Hotel Pennsylvania. Speakers were Dr. Cowley and Clark H. Minor, '02.

Faculty Science Club

On Tuesday evening, March 5, the Science Club of the Hamilton College faculty heard a paper on "Electrical Changes in the Sex Cycle" by Dr. Philip V. Rogers. The group met at the Huntington House in one of the four meetings it holds each year. The president of the Faculty Science Club is Dr. Dale and the secretary is Dr. Parsons.

Roberts Delivers Chapel Sermon

Preacher Advises Students To Turn Aside From 'Godless Despair'

Basing his sermon on the words of the psalmist, "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in the word of man," Dr. David Roberts, Union Theological Seminary, told the Sunday chapel-goers that the world should turn from the "godless despair" into which it has fallen and put its faith in the Lord.

"We have all been taught to put confidence in the thoughts and works of man," and so it came that in 1929, when we were headed for a great disaster, "the only thing we were worried about was that we might hit a comet or a star."

Although many of us find it difficult to believe God is trustworthy because of his great love, it is just this great love of God which "is the greatest force in the world working for the good of the heart of man."

The chapel preacher for next Sunday will be Bishop Francis J. McConnell, New York City.

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UNDERGRADUATE FIREMEN?

The wail of the fire siren had hardly died away early Saturday morning when the obvious conclusion was reached by the whole college that the false alarm had been an amusing but decidedly ill advised bit of felony on the part of the perpetrators. Besides being a serious violation of college rules, the prank might easily have resulted in damage to equipment, not only of college, but of village apparatus, and in injury to fire fighters and spectators. That it didn't was fortunate, but in no way does this fact lessen the feeling of condemnation for the moronic impulses of the person or persons involved.

This impromptu fire drill has not gone entirely for nought, however. It clearly demonstrated just what may be expected in the line of fire fighting should a genuine emergency arise on the Hill. The college is well equipped in the line of apparatus. A modern, capable pumper equipped with hose, ladders, chemicals, a searchlight, and axes and shovels stands ready at all times in the workshop garage to respond to an alarm. Over 1,000 feet of tested hose is ready to play at least three streams of water on any college building, fraternity, or faculty house all of which are close to high pressure fire hydrants. Also additional pieces of apparatus can be rolled out to a fire with extra hose lines and an extra tank of chemical fire extinguishing fluid.

But the fire fighting force itself is entirely inadequate to efficiently operate this equipment. Only four men comprised the "force" which turned out to combat the supposed blaze Friday night. None of these men gave any special indication of being at all certain of what they were supposed to do in an emergency of this kind. It took fifteen minutes for the pumper to arrive at the Chi Psi Lodge. Is it to be supposed that four men are physically able to handle three pieces of apparatus, fight a fire, rescue inhabitants and valuables, and control the spectators all at the same time? With all due credit to the force as it now stands, it is sheer foolishness to have fine equipment on hand and then grossly underman it. It can safely be assumed that the Clinton fire department is capable of meeting any fire fighting requirements here on the Hill. But it appears that the college has made an attempt to be self sufficient in its own fire protection, and has only half-way succeeded.

The answer to this situation is to organize a volunteer fire department on the Hill, composed of able undergraduates and faculty members in addition to the college employees. This group could be instructed in the operation and use of the apparatus, and could be drilled in the fundamentals of fire fighting possibly with the cooperation of Clinton firemen.

Dartmouth College has a successful undergraduate volunteer fire department, and electon to this group is considered a campus honor. The members are extremely proud of their organization and hold regular meetings in additon to conducting frequent drills during the course of the year. Why couldn't a similar movement be initiated at Hamilton? There are endless possibilities for such a group outside of the actual fire protection. How about it?

"WHEN OUR MOTHER CALLS"

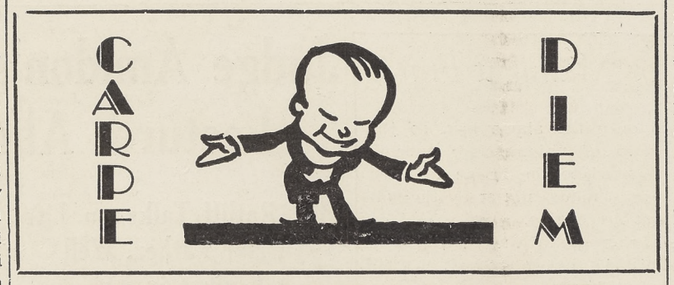
From this week's *Sidewalk Superintendent* we learned that the new gymnasium will soon be completed. Although the building itself is almost finished, the money pledged by students hasn't nearly been all collected. A number of the upperclassmen have been heard to complain that since they will get so little use from the new gymnasium, they do not see why they should be expected to contribute to the fund for its erection. To this we say, "But what about the numerous alumni who have given so generously, and will never use, indeed, may never see the building?"

Now, during one of those periods of the year when expenses are at a minimum, when most of the Hamilton community is unable to take week-ends because of the poor weather, is the time for those who pledged money to the gym fund to catch up on their promises.

The next time we sing

"We will not fail to answer, boys,
When our mother calls."

let us be able to sing with the conviction of "boys who have not failed."



NOTES TO A MAN WHO DOESN'T KNOW ANY BETTER

'Twas ten minutes past Friday,
And o'er the Hill,
The dogs were asleep,
And the students were still.

When all of a sudden,
Things woke with a shriek,
The college's siren,
Had riz to its peak.

Half sleeping, half waking,
All ran to the fire,
To find that the siren
Was quite a big liar.

The general was fuming,
And cussing his truck,
Which had slipped on a snow-bank
It couldn't quite buck.

A committee was founded
Carrissima sung,
For thirty-five smackers,
The Chi Psi's were stung.

The moral is simple,—
About then, we retire,
If you're gonna de-salt us,
Please give us a fire!

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We've always felt that it was probably true, but this is the first time that we ever saw it happen. The Colby brothers are in neighboring beds in the hospital, and one of them has to take some very horrible hot goober in his ears every once in a while, so just before it comes pouring time, they switch beds, taking turns taking burns, so to speak.

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About six of the choir flies got tangled up in their rum-cokes and got left in the big city when the return train pulled out. To a man, they expressed a sentiment that they didn't mind missing the train, the singing, or the special dinner; but the trip back cost 'em so much that all they could buy was tickets and that was simply too much.

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Symes got winged at last. For two long years he's been peeving people by successfully running in two main leagues, Skidmore and Beaver (it is a college). The last was the solider, and soon found out about the first, but now it seems that a friend of a friend of a friend somehow met a friend who said to a friend some stuff about a friend, and the other also drew the conclusion that "This is a small world, isn't it?"

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Corky Sammis had him quite a time with that Vassar gal, even getting the train stopped so that she could debark at the right spot. But then, when she did get off, she forgot her pocketbook, so Sonny Dale, rather than tossing it ingloriously at her feet, grabbed it up and ran the rest of the length of the train, dodging some and bumping through the rest of the flies who got in his way, waving frantically to the girl each time he vainly tried a door that wouldn't open. He finally came to the end car, and hurled it from the platform. By this time, of course, the train had gathered up enough momentum so that it landed about 50 yards out of the station, and is probably still lying there in the bushes of Poughkeepsie, a monument to a man who refused to let a woman pick up her belongings from the platform at her feet, much preferring to have her organize a searching party which might find it and hand it to her—we hope.

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Paul Joseph O'Rourke was really in the groove at the opera on Saturday, Not only that, but he met the most beautiful girl in blue. One of the kind a fellow dreams about; beautiful, charming, a delightful talker, interested in everything that he was, and also good dcendant of the "auld sod." Just having "fit" with the big heart stuff, he was on the lookout for H P material, and this seemed to be it. That's the trouble with these music lovers, however. She said she might be able to come, but though he knows the name of the opera as well as his own, scratch his head as he may, the name of the girl "just simply ain't"

Alumni Notes

By David H. Beetle

Charles H. Seaver, '21, has recently become associated with the firm of Cooke & Lucas in New York City.

The engagement of Miss Jane Mackenzie Bricker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Bricker, Shaker Heights, Ohio, to Mr. James A. Lawson, '30 was announced January 11. Mr. Lawson was graduated from Western Reserve University and resides in South Bonnie Brae, California.

J. Lester Albertson, '24, New Rochelle attorney and city councilman, was elected a director of the Huguenot Trust Co. on January 17. He was graduated from New York Law School in 1927, was assistant district-attorney of Westchester from '29 to '32, is an elder and a member of the board of trustees of the North Avenue Presbyterian Church, and was a former president of the Rotary Club.

Carl L. Carmer, '14, author and teacher, is one of the three men behind the scenes of the new educational radio feature, "Cavalcade of America". He will assist in preparing scripts for the coming broadcasts.

At the home of her mother, Mrs. Chandler Fassett, Woodmere, Miss Lucy Brigham Fassett was married to Dr. Weston M. Kelsey, '32 on January 20. Lloyd L. George, '30, was an usher. The bride was graduated from the Mary C. Wheeler School, and the Child Education Foundation, New York. Dr. Kelsey was graduated from Johns Hopkins Medical School, and he is now on the staff of the Babies' Hospital of the Presbyterian Medical Center of New York. The couple will reside in Westport, Connecticut.

Arthur G-T Courteau, '26, has been elected to membership in the National Institute of Social Sciences. Election came after nomination by Dr. Thomas H. Norton, '72, and is in recognition on Mr. Courteau's achievemets in the field of public service. Now probation officer in the Boys' Department of Wayne County Probate Court, Juvenile Division, Detroit, Mich., he has been active in movements for community betterment, and is also the author of "Delinquency Prevention for the Layman." He is a past president of the Michigan Probation and Parole Association and an active member of the National Probation Association, the American Association of Social Workers, and the Michigan Conference of Social Workers.

On January 17, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Fanning, Riverhead, Long Island, became the parents of a son, James Lord Fanning.

FORUM

Editor, **Hamilton Life:**

In reply to Mr. D. R. C. and his comment of last week, some observations are in order.

If, as D. R. C. contends, **Hamilton Life** stinks, and the Gaboon stinks, then putting them together would only make a bigger stink.

The chief wail of D. R. C. appears to be that neither **Life** nor the Gaboon exercises any effective influence on our hoary campus. But you can't mate a newspaper with a literary magazine and get a Horace Greeley (or even a Dorothy Thompson). The power of the pen depends upon the brain of the man pushing it—with all due reverence to the intelligence of **Life's** staff.

Mr. Glenn and his crew have admirably resurrected the Gaboon this year. It has quality, snap, class, and even typographical errors. To bury the Gaboon inside of **Life,** even next to the girl in the Chesterfield ad, is no incentive for growth and improvement.

Hamilton, even if there be only 400 of us, reputedly frozen in a state of suspended animation, should have both a newspaper and a literary magazine. If they are not up to par now, they can't be bettered by Anschluss. The solution is independent self-improvement.

B. H. K.

Editor of **Hamilton Life:**

In the oddities in the records of the former Hamilton hockey teams, **Life** stated "in 1927 Hamilton defeated St. Lawrence 13-1 which was the highest number of goals ever scored by a Hamilton team." Unless my memory has failed me I believe Hamilton defeated a U. of Buffalo team 21-0 in about 1921 or 1922. On the end wall of Commons are many pictures of Hamilton teams with the scores written around the border. I believe I remember seeing this score there about fifteen years ago—maybe I am wrong.

Also, ask Coach Prettyman if at about that same time a Hamilton hockey team played a double header. I think they did.

Yours very truly,
Harry O. Harmon, '30

(Editor's note)—Alumnus Harry Harmon has a good memory. On the evening of February 24, 1921, Hamilton defeated the Nichols Hockey Club 8-6, and then, after a few minutes rest, went right on to trim the University of Buffalo, 3-1. This is the only double header ever played by Hamilton pucksters. Earlier in the same season, the Continentals had trimmed the Buffalo team 21-0 to register the highest score ever turned in by a Hamilton sextet.

In checking through the records of the four seasons from 1918-1922, which **Life** omitted in its hockey analysis last week, it was discovered that Hamilton's best team in 22 seasons of organized hockey was in 1920-21 when Captain A. L. Kaiser's, '21, sextet won all ten of its games. During these four seasons, Hamilton teams won 21 games, lost three, and tied one; and scored 133 goals. This brings the Continentals all-time record to 126 wins, 68 losses, and five ties for a percentage of .649. Total goals: 739.

Editor of **Hamilton Life:**

Realizing that we may be asking one of those unanswerable questions we still would like to know why it is that Hamilton College refuses to recognize Good Friday and Easter. We may be just a bit old fashioned about all this, but still we've always felt that with the possible exception of Christmas the Easter Festival was the most important on the Christian calendar. Certainly. there is a large body of family and friends of undergraduates who find enough significance in Easter to wish to set it aside as a special ad particular day in the year and one in which the family as a unit participates. The same applies to Good Friday, but perhaps this is asking too much.

The attitude of the college has been understandable in past years when Easter fell so late in the spring that to co-ordinate Easter Sunday with spring vacation would have broken up the semester of the school year very irregularly. Under these conditions, however, it was financially and academically possible for students who wished to celebrate Easter home to do so by taking a weekend. This year not only is that too inconvenient but there seems to be no obvious excuse for the situation that has arisen. If the college had held spring vacation at the same time as on previous years the Easter week-end would have coincided perfectly. Why did they arbitrarily push vacation ahead a week?. It certainly wasn't in order to give the undergraduates a week more of lovely weather nor could it possibly have been in order to have our vacation correspond with those of other colleges. The whole thing seems a bit inscrutable and almost prankish, and we admit it bothers us. We're not trying to stir up trouble, but when things get too mysterious we like some sort of explanation. Maybe some one enlightened by a higher sense of values than we possess can give us such an explanation. We'll listen to it even if it is couched in the glowing phrases of educational metaphysics.

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Sport Notes

By Bob Forbush, '40

This week we have less than usual to say. With the winter athletic season pretty well finished, except for the touche team which is training rigorously for its few remaining meets, we've decided that the only way to fill up space is to try a bit of crystal gazing into the future of the American League. The junior circuit was selected, because the National Legaue race looks much too complicated, as only the Phillies, the Bees, and the Giants can be definitely counted out of the running.

Instead of a crystal ball we secured the shining bald pate of the oldest living undergraduate, "Pops" Barden, and got some very stereotyped results. The large bump directly over the right temple told us the Yankees would snatch the gonfalon by mid-July leaving Joe Cronin and his hard hitting Red Sox swamped in their powerful wake. If Joe only had a pitching staff, or if he had a pitcher, just one measly twirler to back up the tottering but able-armed R. M. Grove, the Bosox might go places.

Directly in the middle of the prophetic dome we discovered a large blue vein, which we could easily see stood for Cleveland. don't ask why, but there was Oscar Vitt and his anarchists wallowing in the mire of their own dissension in third place. As we moved a bit farther back over the scalp, we saw a mole. Just a tiny one to be sure, but here was a clue to our fourth place team. Detroit, of course, for the mole must have represented Hank Greenberg. Yes, despite the verdicts of the great law-giver, Justinian Landis, the Bengals will finish in berth number four.

While we chased the rapidly receding hair-line, we came across symbols of the White Sox, Senators, and Athletics in that order. There was only one outfit left—the poor helpless St. Louis Browns. Although we knew they would occupy the cellar, we wanted to find a symbol denoting Fred Haney. Nowhere on the naked noggin of knowledge was there a sign of him, until at last we found him, in person, curled up under the left ear lobe cringing in anticipation of opening day when he will be forced to lead his band of misfit unfortunates to the slaughter.

The seance revealed the same old story told in the same old fashion: the Yankees all the way. We thanked "Pops" for the use of his nude hemisphere and began to lay plans to have the government investigate the Ruppert Rifles, and perhaps prosecute them as a combination in restraint of trade.

The Yanks have been strong enough for three years now to run away with the world championship and this year they look stronger than ever.

Sidewalk Superintendent Says . . .

With the new gym going up so rapidly, we are finding every week that things are approaching a point where we just can't find material that is new and of interest to the reader. This, it would seem, is indicative of the fact that the gym will soon be finished and we'll be out of a job.

News of the week, however, is to be found in the tunnel connecting the Sage Building with the gym. There men have laid a wood block floor. This floor is designed so that men wearing skates may walk it without damaging either their skate edges or the floor. Blocks, 1¾ inches thick and 4 inches square are fastened to the floor by special splines and screw nails. These blocks are cut so that they rest on the floor with the wood grain standing vertical to the ground instead of horizontal as is the case with conventional flooring. Skate edges will have little chance of cutting a floor of this type, and because of the resiliancy of wood in this position, the skates will not lose their sharpness. This surface will be used in the tunnel, as well as in the adjacent hallway and team room where men will be able to put on skates in the warmth of the gym.

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Wood to be used for the walls of the squash courts is also unusual. Here a laminated type 1¾ inches thick and 4 inches wide will be used. We found that over $6,000 worth of this wood will be needed for the walls of the four courts. Planks for this work come in pieces approximately 30 inches long. Each piece is laminated and consists of ten of twelve different layers, some standing with the grain vertical to the plane, others with the grain horizontal and diagonal. In addition several different types of wood are used in these layers. As with the floor blocking described above, the squash court will have tongue and groove planks fastened with splines and screw nails. Since the squash courts are still far from dry work on these walls will not begin until the middle of April or later.

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Bad Weather Keeps Track Men Indoors; Few Veterans Turn Out for Mile, Javelin

Lettermen to Run Sprints, Middle Distance, and Two-Mile Events

Old Man Winter is following his annual custom of keeping the track squad within the Sage building during the early spring. Practice on the frozen 220 yard circuit has been in progress since the semester began but it is too early to make any certain predictions about the various events.

Due to the scarcity of material and the handful of decidedly outstanding veterans who will be in action this spring, it is safe to make a few definite statements.

Captain Bruce Sisson, who for two years starred in four events and last year in five, will have competition from the Leavenworth brothers in the high jump and the pole vault. In the high and low hurdles, however, Sisson will repeat his performance of last year by taking first choice, leaving one other senior and two sophomores to scramble for second place.

George Nevin, a weight veteran of three years, will toss the discus and shot around with Fred Taylor, a sophomore who turned in some fine work last year as a freshman. Javelin heavers seem to be scarce, but warm weather will probably bring Freddy Chappell and Murray Gardner out of hibernation to help Captain Sisson on this event.

Those two gnomes of the track team, the Underwood twins, may be seen scudding around the Sage building with their attention on timing. They showed up well last year, and with more practice in pacing, the twins should lower their mark considerably in the two mile run.

The mile run at present is wide open and is anyone's for the taking. No veterans have returned to resume the grind, and little distace material has come up from the freshman class.

In the sprints there is Dwight Lindley to fight it out with Dave Millner, Bob Hahn, and other experienced men. Since there are so many good men in the dashes, Berny Maloy may be shifted up to the quarter and the half. If this change occurs, the two events just mentioned should be well taken care of by Eddy, Maloy, and Mark.

Collegiana

President James B. Conant of Harvard believes that the seven or eight year education of professional men should be planned as a unit. Specifically, he asks that the medical schools admit men provisionally in their second year of college on the basis of work done as freshmen.

"After that," President Conant explained, "the man could devolop on a cultural pattern determined by the graduate school and the college administrators." Such an arrangment, Dr. Conant thinks, would remove the impulse of the student to overconcentrate in the sciences in order to impress the graduate school admissions committee.

A new society has cropped out among disgrunted Harvard men who are appalled by the prospect of standing in line and paying high prices to see "Gone With the Wind." Its name is "The Study Group, For Those Who Plan To Avoid Gone With The Wind, At Least Until 1941". A novel clause of the groups' constitution provides that any member who abrogates the agreement and sees GWTW. . . shall be required to crawl under a rug without leaving a bump.

Climaxing a storm of protest by students and faculty, Dr. Paul F. Jamieson was recently reappointed to the faculty of St. Lawrence University. Purportedly dismissed because of the 'rotation system' of the university, whereby the personnel of the English department is changed every few years, Jamieson says he will accept the offer by the Board Administration of reappointment. A faculty resolution had been passed at a meeting sponsored by members of the local teachers' union and the American Association of University Professors.

When asked by a Hollywood movie producer what kind of noises should be used in a screen battle between a tyranosaurus and a dimenrodon, a dinosaur expert of the faculty of the University of Texas replied, "Since the two animals lived about 100,000,000 years apart, I doubt if they could have heard one another anyway."

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DU's and PsiU's Win in Hockey

Semi Final Contests Result In Losses for Sigs And Alpha Delts

Monday evening interfraternity hockey reached its last lap when the D. U.'s ran havoc with the Apha Delt's defeating them 4 to 1, in the semi-finals. The D. U.'s gained an early lead with two goals in the first period, and made a tally in each of the next two periods. Baker was leading scorer, sinking two.

The Psi U's won over the Sigma Phi's in a close battle. The Sigs took the lead with a tally by Warfield, but the Psi U's came back to win, 2-1, when Small and McClennan scored. Goals by Wilkerson and Eberle of the Theta Delt's held the Lambda Chi's scoreless, 2-0, in their division game.

With interfraternity basketball in the closing stages the teams are fighting to gain the lead in their divisions so that they may compete in the play-offs. The Psi U's, the Dekes, and the Lower Squires are each leading their division with two victories and no losses.

The games scheduled for this week are as follows:

Wednesday, March 13—7:30 Lawer Squires vs. E. L. S.; 8:15 T. K. E.'s vs. D. U.'s; 9:00 Lambda-Chi's vs. Theta Delt's.

Thursday, March 14—7:30 Chi Psi's vs. Sigma Phi's; 8:15 Alpha Delt's vs. Psi U's; 9:00 Upper Squires vs. D. K. E.'s.

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GREYHOUND Lines

Fencing Team to Face Cornell in Last Dual Meet of Current Season

Frosh Also Face Ithacans; Intercollegiates to End Season's Activities

The Hamilton College fencers are working out this week in preparation for their meet with Cornell which is to be held Saturday afternoon in Soper Gymnasium. After having defeated Union by an impressive 21-6 score, Coach Gelas hopes to have his fencers in shape to show up equally well against the Ithacans.

Before the varsity meet, the freshmen will have a meet of their own, taking on the Cornell freshmen. Since the varsity meet is the last dual meet of the season, and since the squad is losing a number of senior varsity members, this contest should give a good indication of whether the freshmen will be able to fill the vacancies.

At foil, the team is losing this season's mainstay, Captain Warfield, Robert LaForce, and Arja Adair. Stephen Kelly, a consistent winner at epee, will be lost to that division, and the sabermen will also be weakened by the loss of Captain Warfield.

After the Cornell meet, the varsity will have its last competition in the New York Intercollegiate Meet, to be held just before spring vacation.

The probable varsity fencing lineup for Saturday's meet:

Foil: Captain Warfield, '40, H. Wieder, 42, E. A. Williford, '42.

Epee: S. Kelly, '40, R. Berlowitz, '41, G. Thompson, '41.

Saber: Captain Warfield, '40, C. Moon, '41, W. Doremus, '42.

The probable freshmen lineup:

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EDITOR'S DESK—

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stumbling block. A "blue law" carrying over from mid-Victorian days prohibits any party on the Hill from lasting beyond the hour of midnight on Saturday. This forced sanctification of the Sabbath seems a bit datel to us, but then we often forget to make allowances for the fact that in many respects Hamilton is still shaking off the stuffy shackles of 19th century conservatism.

LECTURE—

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went to Fargo, Dakota Territory, where he took up the study of law and was appointed to the Federal District Court by President Cleveland in 1896.

Much of Judge Amidon's fame came from his heroic defense of civil liberties during the World War. In trying cases under the Espionage Act, he incurred the hostility of his co-patriots by steadfastly refusing to permit the act to be used as a means of coercion.

In 1922, he again won fame by initiating a new interpretation of the injuction. From his court, injunctions were issued in the language of the workers. In adtion, they prohibited violence on the part of employers and strike-breakers as well as workmen.

After his retirement in 1928, Judge Amidon, "kept a window open on the world" by reading modern novels, studying physics, and having his "tether lengthened" by learning to drive a car. He died December 26, 1937.

Three main reasons, according to Mrs. Ratcliff, accounted for Judge Amidon's being considered one of the foremost jurists of the generation. He never separated law from life, he took great interest in the duties of citizenship, and he had great respect for the oath he had taken to uphold the American Constitution.

CHOIR WORKS, PLAYS—

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nancial part of the trip, clutched this throughout the trip with the strength of a starving Nazi grappling with a four-foot baloney.

Protestantism, in the form of an elderly women, continually harangued one violent Irish youngster to become a minister. The son of Erin finally came out with, "Madam. My name is O'Donnell. I can't be a minister!"

Mangan, of the far-famed feats, beautifully bored the crowd with tales of his 14-year-old Essex Fells girl friend, while Jim Knight, on his first trip to the big town, amused New Yorkers with his bustling search for Park Avenoo.

SEASON A 'CINCH'—

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he found that bad weather brings a number of down hill fraternity men in for meals. Gaffney has found that this season has been one of his most profitable in several years. We came to the conclusion that weather doesn't have much to do with college buying and selling.

So when you think that winter is a tough season on our hill, just think back on the blizzard of '88 or when the ducks got frozen in the fountain in May. This last winter has been a piker.

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GENEVA MEET—

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attending the conference will send three commissions each, constitutional, political, and economic. Hamilton will be represented on the constitutional committee by Boris H. Klosson, '40, and George S. Tillman, '42; on the economic commission by Harry McCormick, '40, and James Knight, '42; and on the political commission by Ralph Hansmann, '40, and Robert Paddock, '42.

Klosson, who studied last year at the University of Geneva in Switzerland and observed the League at work, has been selected by the governing body of the conference to act as chairman of the Model League Council. Following his duties as chairman, he will take part in the constitutional commission's sessions.

Preparatory work on the conference has been going on here for six weeks, with two meetings a week and reading reports by the undergraduates combined with lectures by Dr. Henry Janzen, advisor, and Boris Klosson, '40.

Under the plan used at the conference, each college attending represents one country, and puts forth the principles it deems that country would employ in its conduct of world affairs. This year's conference marks Hamilton's first attendance in some time, and the delegation was very fortunate in securing Russia as its country because five other colleges applied for the U. S. S. R.

Activities at the three-day conference include a plenary session Thursday afternoon, a banquet Thursday night, commission meetings and a dance Friday night, and the final plenary session Saturday afternoon. While at Geneva, the delegates will stay in Hobart College buildings.

The advance bulletin carried the message that "The United States, we hope and believe, will not participate in the war, but its influence as a leading neutral may well be enormous in the permanent peace which follows the war. The world order which is set up at that final peace conference will be the one in which you live. Give your best thought to these fundamentally important questions and come to Geneva prepared to deal with them in a broad and statesmanlike way."

Psi U Smoker Brings Realities Of Present Day to Hill Faculty

"Give the password."

"Foo!"

"Foo to you too; pass on."

This is the ritual more than thirty faculty members had to go through Saturday night before they entered the sandbagged side door of the Psi U House for the Hooters' war-army faculty smoker.

The professors were just a bit surprised when they crouched through the sandbag barricade, only to meet sentry Tillman encased in gas mask and military uniform, but their surprise turned to laughter as they met two obliging freshmen on the stairs of Hooter Hall.

"Polish your apple, sir?" the freshmen asked, referring to the apples which the profs has been given.

Then the brain trusters passed on upstairs, where they were given sixty dollars in play money as their evening's spending money. Smiles turned upside down as the tax department lightened each one of seventeen dollars. Doctor Butcher, rebelling against the toll, was reputedly chased all over the house before shelling out.

Crap, roulette, bridge, and a miniature horse race, played with the aid of a pair of dice skillfully flipped by Coach Gelas, furnished diversion at this point. Dr. Janzen, who solidly maintained his previous abstinence from the Mississippi marbles, nevertheless walked away from the crap table with $160. Mr. Rudd, broke, borrowed fifteen dollars from bartender Winter Collins (ace mixer of the coke and ginger ale), and proceeded to wipe $170 out of the roulette division.

Blackouts were frequent, with freshman Buck Dale on the switchboard. And announcements from GHQ came roaring through the darkness with bewildering regularity. Such demotions as that of "Major-General" Liedke, who went from his elevated rank to that of a carrier pigeon in one drop, were common.

"Soupey, soupey, soupey" came bugling through the microphone and the professors were marshalled into the dining hall by Colonel Bonham, fittingly attired in red sash and saber. There each one took his crack at a huge pile of beans while freshman Bob Johnson recited the tale of "Buck-Tooth Willie the Mozzler."

Game-master Ames really came through as he pulled the novel trick of tying faculty members and students together. Among those roped in were President Cowley and Dr. Liedke, Colonel Bonham and Mr. Beetle, and Bill Stoutenburg and Bob Johnson. Effort was on the side of the Cowley-Liedke tie up, as they struggled to get loose without untying the knots, but Mr. Beetle's Boy Scout experience came through and enabled him to slip out in the elasped time of about three minutes. No report has come from Stoutenburg and Johnson, for they haven't been seen for four days.

Top honors in the baby doll diaper-changing contest went to Dr. Janzen, who, incidentally, became the father of a bouncing boy the following morning. Colonel Bonham, though handicapped with a tar baby, was a close second in the triangle-pinning game.

DR. SHEPARD—

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the cabinet of natural history.

After completing work for his doctorate at the University of Heidelberg, Prof. Shepard returned to Hamilton as associate professor of Romance languages. He was appointed full professor in 1900. During the World War he served for a brief period on the War Industries Board in Washington.

During his professorship on the Hill, Prof. Shepard has written numerous articles on subjects related to his field. In 1897 he published "Contributions to the History of the Unaccented Vowels in Old French." Other writings include "Les Poesies de Jausbert de Paycibot" in 1924; "La Passion Provencale du Manuscrit Didot" in 1927, and several contributions to philological journals.

Societies of which Prof. Shepard is a member are Phi Beta Kappa, the Modern Language Association of America, the American Folk Lore Society, the American Philological Association, and Societe des Anciens Textes Francais.

U.F.A. CHOIR—

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versified, the group singing compositions of Palestrina and Brahms, and artistic arrangements of more popular works such as "Loch Lomand" and "Three Blind Mice" with equal skill.

The Speech Choir, under the direction of Owen A. Roberts, '25, was presented in the second half of the program. This group was equally well received by the audience, spontaneous applause bursting out after the first number, "The Highwayman". The precision and vitality of the group was amazing as they presented a great variety of their "Words Without Music". Much of the credit for the success of the group should be given to Mr. Roberts for his fine directing and excellent arrangements.

The soloists of the choir showed what a beautiful instrument of expression the speaking voice can be, especially the soloist in "Boots", whose voice held all the intensity and despair of the great Kipling poem. Bill Garner, the able sound effects man, intrigued the audience with the ingenuity and skill of his work. The choir gave a brilliant presentation of Vachel Lindsey's "The Congo" to finish the concert.

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